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## FOUND TREASURE HE SOUGHT

American Lives in History as Recoverer of Riches Which Neptune Had Considered His.

Just once has an American found a rich treasure of silver bullion, coin, and bars—the exploit being that of Sir William Phelps, whom most people will remember from Hawthorne's stories of grandfather's chair. Phelps was a native of Maine, a trained mariner, and a man of mettle, who had no intention of being a poverty-stricken Yankee skipper, dealing in codfish and molasses, all his life. In the Boston tavern he picked up stories of rich galleons sunk in the Caribbean, and in a voyage to Hispaniola he obtained more direct and authentic information of a wreck a few leagues north of Port Plate. He went to London, interested the duke of Albemarle and other gentlemen in the venture, and outfitted a ship.

The story of his actual discovery is as romantic as those which Poe and Stevenson imagined. For a long time his crew worked fruitlessly along a reef called the Boilers, where the wreck was supposed to lie. They were just quitting it in despair when one seaman espied an uncommonly fine sea feather or marine plant under water and bade an Indian diver obtain it. The diver returned with a tale that the bottom was strewn with great guns, and on descending a second time was able to bring up a pig of silver worth perhaps 300 pounds sterling. "Thanks be to God!" exclaimed Phelps. "We are made!"

So they were. Within a short time they had salvaged no less than thirty-two tons of silver. Sailors were kept busy knocking bushels of pieces of eight out of the limestone in which they were incrustated. The total treasure carried away exceeded 1½ million dollars. Not only was Phelps made a rich man, able to give his daughter a dowry of pinetree shillings equal to her own weight, as Hawthorne relates, but he was knighted by Charles II and made royal governor of that demesne which Henry Cabot Lodge now rules. —New York Evening Post.

## Snobbery.

The Woman was lunching with a friend who had just gone into one of

the large stores as a "saleslady." She has a keen sense of humor, and when the Woman saw a merry twinkle in her eye and a slight curve at the corner of her mouth she asked, "What now?"

"So many funny things happen at the shop!" answered the friend. "Today I was called to wait upon a woman who lived in a little town where I lived when I was first married. She had no social position, but I was always kind to her, and she seemed delighted with my attentions. She had married fairly well and has been taken up by a semi-social set, and, like all upstarts, thinks the way 'to a lady' is to look down on 'working girls.' I said, cordially, 'How do you do, So and So?' She looked round in a frightened manner to see if anyone had heard such familiarity with a shopgirl, then with the stiffest kind of a bow rushed off to a safer part of the store!"

And this "shopgirl" is connected with the finest families in America.—Chicago Journal.

## Tasting Electricity.

If you put two fingers on the terminals of an ordinary dry cell, such as is used to work an electric bell, you will feel nothing at all, for the current is so small that it gives nothing in the nature of a shock. But you can taste it quite easily by connecting a wire to each terminal and placing them on your tongue.

Try first of all with the wires not joined up to the battery, then attach them and notice the difference. You do not feel anything, but you are conscious of a little sharp taste.

Electricians who are engaged in tracing leaks in wires that carry very light currents often use this method, which saves a great deal of trouble. Do not, however, try it with the lighting circuit, or you will receive considerably more than a taste!

The tongue is one of the most sensitive parts of the body, and its natural wetness makes it a splendid conductor of electricity, so that it can detect the presence of currents too small to be felt in any other way.

## "Not an Island!"

J. St. Lee Strachey, famous editor of the Spectator, tells this John Hay story in "The Adventure of Living," just published:

"I remember his (Hay's) telling me twenty years ago—that is, during the Spanish war—how the German ambassador in London had approached him officially with the request that a portion of the Philippine Islands should be ceded—heaven knows why—to the Kaiser. I can well recall his contemptuous imitation of the manner of the request. 'You had so many islands; why could you not give us some?' I asked Hay what he had replied. With a somewhat grim smile he answered, 'I told him: "Not an island—not one!"'"

## Just So.

"What a manly little fellow!" admiringly said the presiding elder, indicating one of Gap Johnson's olive branches.



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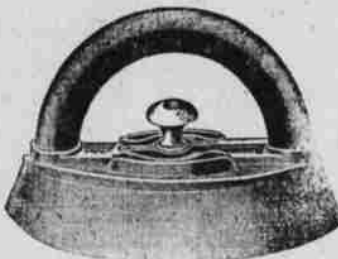
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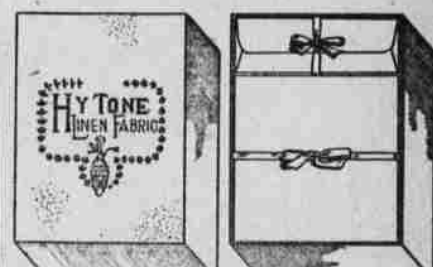
Rook, 75c



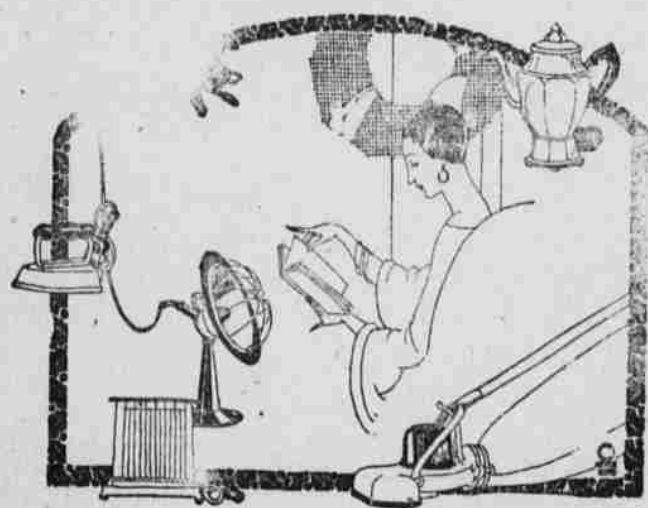
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## Christmas Cheer throughout the year

Electrical Appliances as Christmas Gifts will win instant approval. And every time they are used throughout the year their recipient is bound to remember gratefully their thoughtful giver.

Listed below are a few timely suggestions:

Toasters  
American Beauty Irons  
Hoover Vacuum Sweepers  
Heating Pads  
Curling Irons  
Waffle Irons  
Christmas Tree Lights  
Library Lamps  
Electric Heaters

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Electric Washers  
Electric Percolators  
Armstrong Table Stoves  
Lighting Fixtures (A delightful gift)  
Floor Lamps  
Radio Sets

Liberal Electric Supply Co.

At the Light Office.

## ATTENDANCE REPORT RURAL SCHOOLS

(Based on three months' reports)

No.	Name	No. En	Av. At.	Pct.
1	Fargo, Bertha Kiddoo, teacher	4	3 1/2	3
3	Fairview, Mrs. Gerty Beard, teacher	30	26	12
4	Pleasant Valley, Alice Beck, teacher	25	24	19
5	Prospect, Sarah Dillinger, teacher	4	4	4
6	Harmony, Nora May Morris, teacher	21	20	10
7	Antelope, Mrs. Goldye Thorpe, teacher	20	17	11
8	Banner, Opal Greeden, teacher	12	11	7
9	Golden Valley, Ambrosia White, teacher	9	8	6
10	Wide Awake, Lea F. Ackers, Corrine F. Ackers	26	21	9
11	Green Valley, Mrs. Mary Lee Burgoon, teacher	25	24	14
12	Sunnydale, Mrs. Dell Wills, teacher	11	11	11
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14	Blue Bell, Gertrude Mahan, teacher	26	24	15
15	S. Liberty, Ellen Carlson, teacher	31	29	14
16	Golden Plains, Stella A. Warner, teacher	28	26	13
18	North, Laura L. Lindeman, teacher	6	4	1
17	Riverside, Frances Morrow, teacher	1	1	1
19	Ethelton, Ruth Hobson, teacher	10	9	5
20	Arkalon, Roma Browne, teacher	13	11	5
20	North, Sarah Snow, teacher	9	8	3
21	Kimball, L. C. McIver, teacher	7	7	6
22	Happy Hollow, Rachel Hart, teacher	15	11	4
	Happy Hollow, Edna Bloom, teacher	11	9	1
23	Cimarron, Arlo Barton, teacher	11	9	2
24	Valley Center, Hattie Mardis, teacher	28	27	8
25	Hayne, Effie White, teacher	14	13	7
26	Liberty, Mrs. Earl Graham, teacher	17	16	14
27	Superior, Nora Thomas, teacher	13	12	2
28	Kismet, Eva Cox, teacher	23	27	22
	Kismet, Alta Houston, teacher	36	35	21
29	Alma, Dora Deitmer, teacher	18	15	9
30	W. Starr, Frances Wenta, teacher	14	13	10
31	E. Star, Malinda Bassinger, teacher	13	12	8
32	Lone Prairie, Fernie McGregor, teacher	8		4

Mrs. Donald Orr left Sunday for Wichita to join her husband who is located there.

Mrs. Dora Turner returned the first of the week to her home in Iowa, after attending the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Ellexson.

Emmett King of Grandville, N. Dakota, is in the city this week visiting with W. E. Slavens and W. A. Naylor.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Galiger, Monday, Dec. 18, a 9 1-2 pound girl.

T. J. Smith arrived Saturday from Lawrence to spend the Christmas holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Zimmerman of Elmwood, Oklahoma, were visiting friends here the last of the week.

"Rite it with Ray."

## WERE REAL "MEN"

Old-Time Dime Novel Heroes Had Sterling Qualities.

Thrillers for Boys a Generation Ago Better Than Tales They Read Now, Says Writer.

I have been re-reading a few of those old "dime" novels, writes "Girard" in the Philadelphia Inquirer. You remember the sort I mean—"Headless Horseman," "Three-Fingered Jack," "The Boy Detective."

The names were usually more blood-curdling than the tales, which in nearly every case excel the stories which young folks read today.

Heroes in those earlier stories are all he-men, not scented, manicured dudes of cabarets. And the hero in the end always foils the villain, who is made in each case to appear a villain and not a puzzle character which leaves a youthful mind in doubt.

"Again Sureshot's rifle spoke and another redskin bit the dust"—that sort of thing.

No triangle stuff, thank goodness, but adventure, action and almost invariably punishment for the folks who merited it.

More surprising, however, than the change in literature for "Young America" is the change in toys. Uncle Sam occasionally unbends and permits us to peep into trade secrets.

In that way I learned from an official report about the increase in the toy business in this country.

Each child in the United States now has 60 times as many toys as a child when Lincoln was president. The fact is most surprising, but true just the same.

The toy factories 60 years ago were small affairs, while government figures show that imports of toys were then a mere nothing compared with imports today. Now the factories are immense, not only here, but in other lands.

The average value of each toy is now larger, due partly to the fact that such things as "express wagons" come under the head of toys.

The men who fought in the Civil war, when they were lads rarely if ever had an express wagon—surely not the nifty kind seen in thousands today.

One Philadelphia made a big fortune with a sled that could be steered around corners. Mechanical toys in bewildering variety are sold in our shops in immense quantities.

Extravagance, you say? Well, in a way, but it all pays, and pays handsomely.

I've talked in Egypt with Sudanese who had ridden camels for 25 days to bring them out of the wilderness with their loads of trinkets for the white folks.

What sort of toys were they? I have some still that I bought for a few pennies. Mostly feathers, bits of ivory, rudely carved; odd-looking leather purses, pieces of colored fabric made into tiny fans.

Such were the toys of "Darkest Africa," toys that cost little and meant but little in the way of manufacturing industries and nothing in the shape of great stores for retailing them.

Cut out all these little luxuries such as toys and you would at once kill some big industries, unjoint business and upset trade.

We have 60 times as many toys per child as they had 60 years ago, and who will deny that it has been a good investment.

## Business.

If Americans are materialistic, with an eye to the main chance, what of those villagers who live all year round in the summer resorts, who resist all entreaties for work—not lazy but also not grasping? The story ran thus: They were housekeeping in a tiny place as old as the town. They needed a plumber, and telephoned one on a Monday, getting his promise to come that very day. They called him up again on Tuesday to remind him and were once more reassured of his coming; but Wednesday and Thursday passed without his appearance.